

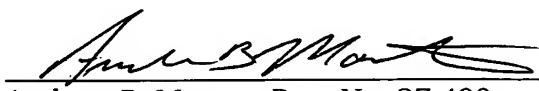
REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 18-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner asserted that the recitation "single interrupted member", found in claim 18, is ambiguous. Claim 18 is now amended to recite a "single uninterrupted member." It is therefore believed that the Examiner's rejections are now overcome.

The Examiner indicated that claims 13 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Further, the Examiner indicated that claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has now been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 13. Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 21. Finally, claim 23 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 24. It is therefore believed that, claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 30-32, and 36 are in condition for allowance.

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant a formal Notice of Allowance of claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 30-32, and 36. Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,


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